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COMPULSORY TAX RECOMMENDED

Committee to Confer With Dr. Collier as to Tax—Council Votes to Pay Deposit for Hall for Dances Next Year—Insignia Award Discussed—Letter from Executive Committee Concerning Hatchet Editors Read.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Finance Committee of the Student Council will today present to President Collier the Council's Plan for levying a compulsory activities tax of not more than \$5.00 per student. Dr. Collier will consider the plan and will probably refer it to the Executive Committee of the University for action at the meeting Tuesday.

The plan was authorized and the committee instructed to act for the Council at the meeting held May 31 at the Law School.

Officers Elected

Following the discussion of the tax, the Officers of the Council for next year were elected. Mr. Shapiro, now chairman of the social committee, was elected President, and Miss McGrew elected (unanimously) Vice President. Miss Humphrey was chosen secretary and Mr. Underwood and Mr. Dazey as members of the executive committee.

Letter From Prof. Croissant

Miss Moran read a letter from Professor Croissant, which gave the new rulings as laid down by the executive committee for the choosing of Hatchet editors and reporters. The plan is, have the Council pick out the editor and the reporters from eligible lists, prepared by the English Department. The students on the list must have had extensive courses in English and show certain proficiency in study of the same.

Other Business

It was voted to pay Mrs. Dyer \$40 as deposit on the hall in order to assure its use for the four dances next year.

Mr. Lenovitz of Engineering School brought up the question of awarding letters to the players in the inter-departmental series. He said that a certain man in Engineering had purchased a dozen letters to be awarded to members of the Engineering team. After some discussion the Council went on record as refusing to authorize such action and being emphatically opposed to it.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott Presents University With Flags.

Monday, June 2 at 5 minutes before noon George Washington University held exercises on the back campus in commemoration of the students who made the supreme sacrifice in the recent war. Brief eulogies of these students were made. Those men for whom gold stars have been placed on the service flag are: Private Roger Hillis, well known in Athletics and other student activities; Lieut. Wilmarth Brown of the Law School; Lieut. George Bell, Aviation Corps;

NEW STANDARDS SET FOR EDITORS

Editors and Reporters to be Chosen on Basis of Qualifications in English Courses

NAMES NOT YET SUBMITTED

That the editors and reporters of the Hatchet should be chosen from eligible lists based on proficiency in English studies, is the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, according to a letter from the secretary of the University to Professor Croissant. It has not been decided as to who shall pass upon this proficiency, or who shall prepare the list of eligibles, or upon what basis the list shall be prepared.

Professor Croissant, who has resigned as chairman of the Committee on Student Activities, has consulted Dean Wilbur, head of the English Department, as to the qualifications that should be required in accordance with the resolution of the trustees of the University, and states that if names are submitted to him for approval before the appointment of his successor by President Collier, he will require that reporters shall have taken rhetoric, journalism, and one other English course with a grade of A or B, and that the editor shall have taken one additional course in English, likewise with a grade of A or B.

Lieut. C. A. Knudson, Lieut. Ray Olin Garver, Signal Corps, Lieut. Thurston Wood, Field Artillery, Lieut. T. T. Kirk and Lieut. J. E. Bowyer, Aviation Corps.

Following the eulogies, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of this city, former President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution and member of the newly reconstituted University Council, presented a number of flags of the University. Mrs. Scott made a generous donation for their purchase.

The University flag was designed by Mr. Fred Owen and is composed of the University colors, Red and Blue. Hereafter the University and American flags will fly on all the buildings of the University.

Mrs. Archibald Hopkins Speaks
The flags were raised promptly at 12 o'clock and the patriotic exercises terminated with an address by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, another member of the University Council, wife of the vice president of the board of trustees. Mrs. Hopkins spoke on "University Loyalty and Unity."

Mrs. Hopkins has been very active in war work, being vice chairman of camp activities, chairman of surgical dressing committee, chairman woman's council of national defense, and members of all Liberty Loan Committees. She is also presidential appointee Board of St. Elizabeth's and president Home for Incurables.

Immediately following the patriotic exercises the exercises in commemoration of the birth of Walt Whitman, the Washington playwright and "poet of Democracy" were held. Langdon E. Mitchell, son of the late Dr. S. Heir Mitchell, famous novelist, delivered the address. The patriotic and centennial exercises formed practically one continual program.

DEAN FERSON HONORED BY FRESHMEN

Presented With Brief Case at Final Meeting of Contracts Class.

The First Year Law Class, as a token of their affection and esteem, presented to Dean Ferson, a beautiful seal skin brief case, at the last meeting of the contracts class.

B. C. Harris, the class president, who ably represented the class in the presentation, stated that he had never known a Dean or teacher more universally loved and admired than was Dean Ferson. His Fellowship with the students, his whole souled interest in G. W. U., his ready wit, and his great ability as a teacher of the law, had won for him the admiration, love and fellowship of the whole student body.

The Dean was "flabbergasted," but the class had little difficulty in seeing his appreciation. It was one of those occasions when words are not needed.

The entire class looks forward with pleasure to two more years with Dean Ferson.

Final Examination Schedules Out

MEDICAL

Monday, May 26, 1 p. m. Therapeutics.
Saturday, May 31, 9 a. m. Histology.
Monday, June 2, 10 a. m. Obstetrics, physical chemistry, second year.
Wednesday, June 4, 10 a. m. Cranial surgery, physical diagnosis.
Friday, June 6, 10 a. m. Surgery, Hygiene.
Monday, June 9, 1 p. m. Medicine.
Wednesday, June 11, 10 a. m. Psychology, Gynecology, Physiology (first).
Friday, June 13, 8 a. m. Pharmacology.
Friday, June 13, 9 a. m. Physical chemistry (first year).
Monday, June 16, 9 a. m. Embryology, Pathology (16th and 17th), clinical microscopy.

LAW

June 2—No examination.
Tuesday, June 3—Criminal law and procedure, Main hall, 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.; corporations, South hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.
Wednesday, June 4—No examinations.
Thursday, June 5—Real property I, Main hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; common law pleading, North hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; constitutional law, South hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.
Friday, June 6—International law, South hall, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.
Saturday, June 7—Equity I, Main hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; bills and notes, North hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; equity II, South Moot Court, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; conflict of laws, South hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.
Monday, June 9—Suretyship, South hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.
Tuesday, June 10—Equity pleading, North hall, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.; bankruptcy, South hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.
Wednesday, June 11—Torts, Main hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; insurance, North hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; trusts, South hall, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.; patent law, South Moot Court, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.

CHAPEL EXERCISES

CLOSE FRIDAY

The last chapel services of the school year will be held next Friday. This marks the close of a year which bears a roster of well-known people who have at various times addressed the students. Among the audience were also distinguished people who are interested in our University.

Ordinarily the services consist of the reading from the Scripture, the singing of hymns, and the offering of prayers. To this, on special occasions were added brief addresses by prominent persons. The students look back with pleasure to the record of the past year and hope that plans will be formulated whereby the coming year will be even brighter and come to be one of the strong forts of this institution.

YALE APPOINTS MR. KAYSER

A recent announcement from Yale University states that Elmer Louis Kayser, Secretary of the University, has been elected Carrier Fellow in History at that institution. It is not yet known whether Mr. Kayser will leave George Washington to accept the appointment.

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Examinations will be two hours in length. All examinations will begin and end promptly at the hours scheduled. Examinations not here scheduled must be arranged for with the instructor. One-hour courses and third group courses are generally not scheduled. All recitations will be suspended during the examination period.

Monday, June 9, 10 to 12

Economics 1, Professor Kern.
Education 20b, Professor Ruediger.
German 3, Professor Schoenfeld.
Political Science 24, Professor Hill, 5:10 to 7:10.

Applied mathematics 22, Professor Parsons.
Chemistry 23, Professor McNeil.
Economics 42, Asst. Professor Kochenderfer.
Civil Engineering 23, Professor McDaniel.

Education 24, Dr. Small.
English 2a, Professor Wilbur.
French 7, Mr. Teillard.

French 21 and 55, Professor Henning.

German 21, Professor Schoenfeld.
Geology 1, Professor Bassler.
History 25, Asst. Professor Churchill.

Mathematics 4, Mr. Hodgkins.
Mathematics 12c, Professor Erwin.
Mechanical Engineering 29, Asst. Professor Halsey.
Physics 1, Asst. Professor Brown.
Philosophy 4, Professor Ruediger.
Spanish 2a, Asst. Professor Doyle.
Spanish 2b, Mr. Jones.
Zoology 1, Professor Bartsch.

Tuesday, June 10, 10 to 12

English 22, Professor Croissant.
French 5, Professor Henning.
History 2, Professor Swisher.
Latin 2, Professor Smith.

5:10 to 7:10

Architecture 20, Professor Bibb.
Chemistry 24, Professor McNeil.
Civil Engineering 21, Asst. Professor Lapham.
Economics 33, Asst. Professor Alden.

Economics 26, Professor Kern.
French 2b, Mr. Cullom.
French 6, Professor Henning.
Education 21b, Professor Ruediger.
German 6, Professor Schmidt.
History 32, Professor Swisher.
Mathematics 12b, Professor Erwin.
Mechanical Engineering 20, Asst. Professor Halsey.

Political Science 4, Professor Hill.
Spanish 20, Asst. Professor Doyle.

Wednesday, June 11, 10 to 12

French 3, Professor Henning.
English 22, Professor Wilbur.
German 20, Professor Schoenfeld.
Mathematics 9, Professor Erwin.
Philosophy 3, Professor Ruediger.
Political Science 3, Professor Hill.
Spanish 3, Asst. Professor Doyle.

1:30 to 3:30

Economics 4, Professor Kern.
Mathematics 3 (Trig.), Professor Erwin.

5 to 7

Architecture 41, Professor Harris.
Chemistry 26, Professor McNeil.
Civil Engineering 22, Professor McDaniel.

Economics 2, Professor Kern.

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The Greeks

OFFICERS ELECTED AT INTERFRATERNITY MEETING

The Interfraternity Association held its last meeting of the school year at the Kappa Alpha house on Sunday, May 25, at 10.30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers for next year.

The following were elected: Russell Hollingsworth of Kappa Alpha, SIX, president; Eugene Cole, of Sigma Nu, vice president and treasurer, and John Townsend, of Sigma Phi Epsilon, secretary. The treasurer reported a balance of one hundred and five dollars and seventy-five cents in the treasury since the dance. The first meeting of the next school year will be held on the first Sunday after college opens when work will be outlined for next year.

PHI MU

Beta Alpha Chapter gave a luncheon in honor of Fay Marie Pierce, Saturday, May 31, who is to be married June 6, to Lieutenant Carl Hilding Beij, U. S. Radio Corps.

Helen Romhilt has been elected as active chapter delegate to the National Convention of Phi Mu to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 1 to 5. A majority of the active chapter except to attend.

SIGMA KAPPA

Sigma Kappa announces the pledging of Margaret Goddnow.

Sigma Kappa announces the installation of Psi Chapter at the University of Wisconsin.

The active girls gave a shower at the home of Miss Rachel Benfer May 21, for their two bride-elects, Miss Ethel Densmore, whose marriage to Mr. Arthur P. Starr takes place next month and Miss Elizabeth Humphrey, whose fiancé, Lieutenant N. L. Mackey, is on his way home from France.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

A Bohemian party was held at the chapter house last Thursday night. The brethren spent the evening dallying around the frontier bar, until the Metropolitan police force decided they had better investigate. But the force was a fine fellow and had a drink with us.

Brother Harold Young came up from his home in Columbia, S. C., to spend the 13th of May with us.

Brother C. K. Yingling is back in town having just received his discharge from the Navy.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA

Lambda Chapter had a straw ride on May 30th, and celebrated Secoration Day by decorating the Maryland side of Great Falls with empty lunch boxes, etc., winding up the evening by a dance at the Chapter House.

Brother Golden of Minnesota is a visitor this week.

Brother "Doug" Minor is also at the House.

We are busy planning for another hop to Annapolis about June 17, the time of the commencement dance at St. John's College.

KAPPA ALPHA

Trother, Dewey Smith leaves New York the last of June for China.

Brother Calvin Burr is now connected with some railroad project in Arkansas.

The final dance of the season will be staged at the Washington Country Club.

SIGMA CHI

Two and one-half per cent furnished impetus for a rousing good smoker

Thursday and was pronounced first rate by all. Senator New, Congressmen Moores and Newton, and Park Commissioner Mather were present. Brother Ed. Hanson has been elected to the Student Council.

The chapter has inaugurated the publishing of a semi-annual booklet called "Epsilon Minutes," which due to Brother Guarneri's efforts has proved to be a success.

SIGMA NU

Brother Garrothers, who was director of the National Thrift Campaign, has accepted the position of State High School inspector of Wisconsin.

Ensign Brown, who has been in submarine chaser, No. 1 for thirteen months, paid the boys a brief visit the past week.

Brother Marx of the University of Illinois is now living at the chapter house.

THETA DELTA CHI

Our last smoker of the school year was held at the house on Thursday, May 29.

Lotus Hughes, Chi Deut, '15, breezed in on us last Monday night about 12 p. m.

Theta Deltas graduating at George Washington this year are Henry Ravenel and Larry Burton. Ravenel will go to Harvard Law School next year, while Larry will in all probability settle down and enjoy a long spell of matrimonial bliss.

DELTA TAU DELTA

Gamma Eta held a smoker at the house Saturday, May 31, and every in spite of the fact that the majority were sick the next day from over-eating. Brother George Degnan at the piano and Brothers Leo Rocca and Joe Schaaf with their Hawaiian instruments furnished the entertainment. Brother Royal Foster, who had just returned to the city with his commission in the Navy, also entertained with some real light foot dancing.

PHI DELTA PHI

Marshall Inn held its last meeting of the year on May 22 at the Sterling Hotel, when the following officers for next year were elected: Hyland R. Johns, president; John U. Townsend, vice president and treasurer; Proctor H. Page, secretary; George E. Middleton, historian; Raymond B. Canfield, property custodian; Harry A. Gillis, marshal; Charles R. Allen, inter-fraternity delegate.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter C. Clephane gave a very interesting talk on the military courts martial system. Prof. John P. Earnest told of how bar examinations were prepared and held, giving interesting pointers to candidates.

The past year has been considered very successful, for the chapter was practically inactive the first term, but has since organized and initiated eighteen men.

The parlor sofa holds the two, He and she. But hark! a step upon the stair, And papa finds them sitting there, He and she. —Ex.

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LAW DEFEATS ENGINEERS

Three-Cornered Tie Result of Engineers Defeat

The Engineers met their first defeat on Saturday the 17th, in a game which they believe is hardly fair to be considered official. The score was 7 to 1 in favor of the Law School when rain stopped the game before the Engineers could get their bat in the last of the seventh inning. The game started with one player short on each team but the rest of the men came in time to get in the game in the second inning.

The defeat of the Engineers makes a three-cornered tie between the Engineers, the Law School and the Dents, each having won two and lost one. The season was supposed to come to a close on last Saturday but since the result is a tie, efforts are being made to arrange for two more games to play off this tie, but it is thought hardly possible this year.

The standing of the teams:

	H.	L.
Engineers	2	1
Law	2	1
Dental	2	1
Columbian	0	3

TEACHERS CELEBRATE JUNE 16

The annual dinner for the graduates of Teacher's College will take place at the Woman's University Club rooms, June 16, at 7 o'clock. Each Senior is allowed the privilege of inviting one guest. Among the persons who will serve at the dinner are: Elizabeth Humphrey, Ethel Yohe, and Gertrude Walters. Dean and Mrs. Ruediger will be guests of the class.

She—Do you like your new car, Roland; does it run up well?
He—Oh, yes, it's a real beauty.
—Cornell Widow.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

(Continued from page 1)
Economics 36, Asst. Professor Kochenderfer.
Education 27, Dr. Small.
Electrical Engineering 2, Dr. Honaman.
English 2b, Professor Wilbur.
English 28, Professor Croissant.
French 2a, Professor Henning.

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French 2e, Asst. Professor Doyle.
Geology 2, Professor Bassler.
German 4, Professor Schmidt.
Mathematics 6, Mr. Hodgkins.
Mathematics 12a, Professor Erwin.
Mechanical Engineering 1, Mr. Woodward.

Mechanical Engineering 26, Asst. Professor Halsey.

Philosophy 22, Professor Richardson.

Physics 21, Asst. Professor Brown.

Thursday, June 12, 10 to 12
English, Professor Croissant.
German 7, Professor Schoenfeld.
Latin 1, Professor Smith.
Physics 3, Asst. Professor Brown.
Spanish 1 Asst. Professor Doffe.

1.30 to 3.30
Latin 20, Professor Smith.
Mathematics 3 (Geometry), Professor Erwin.

5.10 to 7.10
Architecture 8, Professor Bibb.
Botany 1, Mr. Harrington.
Civil Engineering 28, Asst. Professor Lapham.
Chemistry 1, Professor McNeil.
Economics 23, Professor Kern.
Economics 48, Asst. Professor Kochenderfer.

Education 50, Professor Rueliger.
English 54, Professor Wilbur.
French 4, Professor Henning.
German 2, Professor Schmidt.
German 8, Professor Schoenfeld.
History 30, Mr. McArthur.
History 34, Professor Swisher.
Mathematics 20, Professor Hodgkins.
Mechanical Engineering 31, Asst. Professor Halsey.

Philosophy 24, Dr. Richardson.
Political Science 22, Professor Hill.
Spanish 4, Asst. Professor Doyle.
Friday, June 13, 10 to 12
Greek 1, Professor Smith.
History 4, Professor Swisher.

1.30 to 3.30
Economics 46, Asst. Professor Kochenderfer.

English 27, Professor Croissant.
French 1, Asst. Professor Doyle.
Mathematics 21, Professor Hodgkins.

5.10 to 7.10
Applied Mathematics 21, Asst. Professor Lapham.

Architecture 30, Professor Harris.
Chemistry 2, 3, 7, all section, Professor McNeil.

Civil Engineering 3, Mr. Marsh.
Archaeology 20, Professor Carroll.

Saturday, June 14, 10 to 12
Education 22, Professor Ruediger.
English 1, Professor Wilbur.
Philosophy 21, Professor Richardson.

1.30 to 3.30
Philosophy 25, Mrs. Symonds.

English 31, Professor Croissant.
German 1, Professor Schoenfeld.
Latin B, Professor Smith.
History 20, Asst. Professor Alden.
History 33, Professor Swisher.

5 to 7
Architecture 28, Professor Bibb.
Civil Engineering 4, Asst. Professor Lapham.

Classical Literature 1, Professor Smith.
Geology 3 and 4, Mr. Resser.
Philosophy 28, Dr. Richardson.
Zoology 2, Professor Bartsch.
Chemistry 6, Professor McNeil.

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FINALS NOT PLAYED

The girls tennis tournament was scheduled to close last Thursday, but the illness of one of the players caused postponement. The winner of this match will hold the girl's championship of George Washington. A team has been picked for the girls as follows:

Arline DuFour, Anita Sanders, Katherine Symmonds, Robin Breuninger, Ashenath Johnson, Catherine Long, Christine Robertson, Margaret Duckett.

**Departmental
Notes****LAW SCHOOL**

Dean H. C. Jones, of the West Virginia University Law School, was a visitor at school last week. Dean Jones was formerly a professor of law here.

The examination in military law was given last week.

The fact that two weeks have given for the holding of our examinations is greatly appreciated by the students. Law books are thicker than other text books, and it is reasonable to think that it will take much longer to review them.

A set of the Maine Reports has just been received. This makes the report system in the Law Library now complete, with the exception of those of New Hampshire and South Carolina. Additional shelving is being placed in the balcony of the Main hall. This space has been needed for some time as the books donated by Alumni last year have not been placed in the Library for want of sufficient shelves.

ENGINEERING

Professor Lapham's class in irrigation has enjoyed some very interesting pictures of construction work in the West. Due to the courtesy of the Reclamation Service three reels showing the engineering features of irrigation projects have been shown. Several dozen colored slides showing unusual scenic effects in connection with the work were also obtained.

The Bureau of Commercial Economics has been kind enough to loan the school two reels covering the development of water power in Canada.

DELTS TAKE RIVER TRIP

Gamma Eta celebrated the 30th of May with a launch party down the Old Potomac. All hands met at Seventh street wharves about 10 a. m. and proceeded down the river about 22 miles to Glymont, where the bunch put on bathing suits and went in swimming. There were eighteen couples along and everyone had a large time. The party took possession of the official row boat of Glymont and were burning up the river when the goll, durned sheeraff and the whole population, all three of 'em, came down to the wharf and raised particular well you know. Everything went along smoothly and the boat arrived at Washington about 10 30 p. m. It was a party that all will remember.

**MANNER OF ELECTIONS
DECIDED FOR W. U. C.**

The manner of election was voted upon at the meeting of the Woman's University Club Tuesday, May 20. It was decided that the executive committee appointed by the president should select two candidates for each office, the names to be kept secret until the night of election and to be submitted to the club on that night. In addition floor nominations will be received on election night. It is hoped that this manner of election will eliminate any illegitimate electioneering and that it will put the election in the hands of the members of the club who are active and interested. Election night is set for Tuesday, June 3, and all members are urged to come out and vote.

The following have been recently elected as members of the University Council:

Mr. Frederic Atherton, Admiral Willard Brownson, Mrs. Julian James, of Washington, and Mr. F. M. Kirby and Mr. Morris Williams, of Pennsylvania.

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CHOOSING THE EDITOR

The executive committee of the
board of trustees has stated that it is
"of the opinion that editors and re-
porters of The Hatchet should be
chosen from eligible lists based on
proficiency in English studies."

The English Department, in com-
pliance with this general rule of the
trustees of the University, has set as
a minimum standard for its recom-
mendation, English, Rhetoric, Jour-
nalism, and one other course in Eng-
lish with a grade of A or B for re-
porters, and an additional course in
English with a grade of A or B for
the editor.

El Denmore passed because the
President feels that The Hatchet this
year has not been up to the Univer-
sity standard from a rhetorical stand-
point.

Before we can approve or criticize
this ruling let us consider what The
Hatchet is supposed to be. If it were
printed and issued as an example of
what George Washington University
can do in a literary way The Hatchet
this year and every other year would
fall far short of what it should be.
But that is not the purpose of The
Hatchet. It is and always has been
a newspaper, a newspaper for the stu-
dents of the University primarily. A
newspaper is not a literary sheet
though it should be written in clear,
simple, correct English. Is it neces-
sary for the reporter to have done A
or B work in three English courses to
be able to write that kind of Eng-
lish? The daily papers do not con-
sider it so.

Still considering the reporters, how
will The Hatchet be able to get rep-
resentative Law or Medical students
to represent their schools if this
standard is not changed.

As to the editor, it is not his duty
to write The Hatchet, but rather to
get all the news of the school, to
give out assignments, to edit copy, to
supervise the printing of the paper,
and, to put it in general terms, to
see that the paper comes out. The
question is, are there not other qual-
ifications more important than mere
proficiency in English courses which
should have weight for the choice of
an editor.

HAVE WE AN HONOR SYSTEM?

The attention of The Hatchet has
been called by some of the students
to the fact that the present honor sys-
tem of the University has not work-
ed out as well as might be expected.
They contend that people who will
cheat will lie about it, and those who
will not cheat resent having to pledge
their honor. In this connection The
Hatchet has asked the opinion of the
Deans of the University in an effort
to get the attitude toward the present

system. The following are the opin-
ions of the Deans:

Dean Henning approves of the sys-
tem as it stands. He thinks it is the
most practical and the best method
that could be used.

Dean Hodgkins also approves of
the system. He says: "An honor sys-
tem by the students is administered
without discretion. By that I mean
that the students are likely to be too
extreme in their judgments. A stu-
dent is essentially honest. Put on his
honor he will be honest. Of course
there are exceptions, out of two thou-
sand students there are bound to be
some who cannot be trusted. But on
the whole students can be trusted
under the present system."

Dean Ruediger does not approve of
the present system. He says: "He
should have a real honor system, not
a pledge system. This could be es-
tablished if the students really de-
sired it. If the system were violat-
ed the students would see that the
person violating it should be duly
punished. Honest students resent the
pledge system and others disregard it.
If a real system is established a com-
mittee should be appointed of the stu-
dents and the faculty to see about it
and to look up practices in other in-
stitutions. In any event there is a
high degree of honor in George Wash-
ington."

Dean Wilbur says: "I am in favor

of an honor system. The plan duly
worked out and understood consti-
tutes an ethical influence and recog-
nition of moral atmosphere and moral
requirement. Without such a sys-
tem the whole subject of honesty and
student associations and relations is
likely to be vague and unsatisfactory.
The Professor is expected to cooper-
ate in this system, not to act as police
inspectors and appear to distrust the
students, nor to act with entire indif-
ference to moral responsibility."

There is no honor system in the
Medical School and Dean Borden
does not think there should be one.

Dean Ferson of the Law School is
satisfied with the present system in
the Law School. The responsibility
does not rest on the individual but on
the class as a whole.

THE FORUM

To the Editor:

I am most highly in favor of stu-
dent activities and have willingly con-
tributed to them for the past three
years. But I must say that I most
emphatically oppose a compulsory
tax for student activities in a Univer-
sity such as the George Washington
University is forced to be.

A compulsory tax would not be a

success in George Washington Uni-
versity with its double student basis
—the day and night classes, with its
scattered colleges, with a lack of dor-
mitory life and elimination to the ma-
jority of the benefits of the assem-
blies. The larger universities where
such a tax is in vogue are composed
only of day students. A comparison
is absurd. Everyone there is on the
same basis, sowing and reaping alike.
Such compulsion here will not create
school spirit, but antagonism. It has
been tried before and failed. We want
results, but we want them to spring
from the right motives. School spirit
and not compulsion will do it.

A compulsory tax would be a de-
riment to the University and an in-
sult to the student body. It would
insinuate that the University is not
capable of or willing to support its
own activities, that under normal con-
ditions it is dead, and in order to have
life, to make a presentable public ap-
pearance it must create such by co-
ercing the dead-heads behind its por-
tals. Every student of the University
has its welfare at heart and if solici-
ted in the proper way will respond
generously and support all activities
that are worth supporting.

Such a tax would be unjust to the
night students, the majority of the
student body, and under the present
unavoidable conditions discriminates
in favor of the minority. The night

students working all day, attending
classes in the evening and studying
at night, cannot, no matter how much
they desire, participate in or be pres-
ent at the various activities. Due to
unfortunate circumstances they are
excluded from all college social life,
fraternities, sororities, clubs and as-
semblies, all of which are fostered by
student activities.

A compulsory tax is unnecessary.

Let me refer to an editorial appear-
ing in the last issue of The Hatchet,
which, judging from the year just
passed, optimistically prophesies a
bright future for all activities for the
coming year 1919-1920: "The students
have rallied to every call. They have
supported The Hatchet, the debating
team, the basket ball, the Liberty
Loans, the French orphan fund and
made them and everything they have
attempted a great success." Then
why should we apply compulsion. Is
this the way to encourage generosity
which prompts real school spirit? If
solicitation has done this, it can and
will do more next year if conducted
in a more systematic and thorough
way. I believe in the student body
and feel confident with the rest of
the night students that all will re-
spond to any just call.

Very truly yours,

F. M. ADAMS.

May 30, 1919.

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ture lamps were produced for the
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